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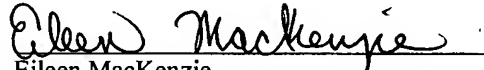
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DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

**PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits in the above-identified case. No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending applications that may contain subject matter related to this application:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Atty. Docket No.</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>
10/731613	12/09/03	E0295.70191US00	Stephen J. Todd, et al.
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10/894330	07/19/04	E0295.70185US01	Paul R. Carpentier, et al.
11/196928	08/04/05	E0295.70192US01	Paul R. Carpentier, et al.
11/197854	08/04/05	E0295.70192US02	Paul R. Carpentier, et al.
11/210477	08/24/05	E0295.70192US03	Paul R. Carpentier, et al.

Several of the above-referenced applications include subject matter that may be related to the present application, and some share a specification with the present application. The examiners handling the other applications have been or will be searching for relevant prior art, and in some circumstances may be taking positions about which art shows features that are similar to at least some of the features recited in the claims of the present application. Therefore, the Examiner is invited to review the file histories of the above-referenced applications to see whether there is any information that the Examiner believes may be relevant. In this respect, it is assumed that the Examiner has access to each of those files. However, if the Examiner would like any information about any of those pending applications, Applicants would be happy to provide it.

PART III: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08) be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
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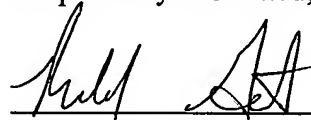
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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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		6,807,632	B1	Carpentier, et al.	10/19/04
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